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The attention of the Examiner is directed to the enclosed documents submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1), or alternatively 1.97(b)(3), as identified below.

1. French Patent Application 1.449.148
2. U.S. Patent No. 3,212,919, which is a U.S. equivalent of French Patent Application 1.449.148
3. U.S. Patent No. 4,440,827
4. European Patent Application 0 337 771
5. European Patent Application 0 634 283 A1

6. International Search Report for PCT/FR 98/01872 dated November 25, 1998.

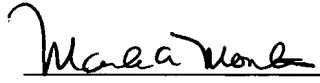
The foregoing documents are listed on the annexed form PTO-1449 and copies are enclosed herewith.

The Examiner is invited to consider this material in the examination of the present application and to conduct an independent search.

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